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PATENT APPLICATION

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Application No.: 09/662,756	)	Group Art Unit: 2621
Filed: September 15, 2000	)	
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD	)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The cited references were called to Applicant's attention in a Japanese Office Action, dated March 4, 2003, for a Japanese application which is a counterpart to the instant case.

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

The concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English documents is provided in English abstracts attached to those documents, comments provided below concerning those documents, and/or corresponding U.S. patents/applications.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application 10-322561 relates to a system for correcting (or converting) the reference white of a monitor color image into white for color hard copy paper, and correcting (or converting) the black of a monitor color image into black of a virtual hard copy having a chromaticity value of which the hue is the same as the reference white under an observation light source for color hard copy. In this system, an entire color space is corrected according to a gray axis.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application 09-027915 relates to a method that switches between a color process and a gray process according to whether or not the input color image data is gray data. In this method, the color process is a matrix operation process, and the gray process sets the brightness data to a K (black) signal and also sets CMY signals to "0".

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application 07-222196 relates to performing correction, base on an observation condition, on an L\*M\*S\* color space, being a device-independent color space as well as a document.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
08/689,096	July 30, 1996	2622

A copy of the cited application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

Applicant notes that none of the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement, disclose or suggest the feature of the present invention which concerns the combination of performing a correction process, in accordance with an observation condition, together with a gray compensation process.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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